Inform Yourself, Protect Yourself

It is always good practice to be on guard against frauds and scams. Recently, seniors in our area have been targeted with a particularly disturbing scam that takes advantage of your natural inclination to care for a family member in need.

In one instance reported in the news, a con artist contacted a local senior claiming to be the woman's grandson. The con man went on to fabricate an elaborate tale of being in a car accident and needing money for a car, legal fees and medical care. Unfortunately, the con artist was so convincing that the concerned grandmother fell victim to his scheme.

Anyone can be victimized by a scam. Please be alert of the risks, and remain cautious of suspicious calls. Please feel free to contact my office at **860-240-0482** or **slossberg@senatedems.ct.gov** for any reason. It's always a pleasure to hear from you!

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Here are some general tips to follow when faced with a potentially suspicious situation:

- ➤ If someone claims to be a relative, ask for their name instead of offering the person's name.
- ➤ Ask personal questions that would be difficult for an imposter to answer.
- ➤ After taking a call from a friend or relative that sounds suspicious, be sure to follow up and directly contact the person they claim to be.
- ➤ Verify extreme-sounding situations with other family members if possible.
- ➤ Report any suspicious incidents to your local police department.

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